An Account of the diſeaſes of Doggs, and ſeveral Receipts for the Cure of their Madneſs, and of thoſe bitten by them. Extracted from the Papers of Sir Theodore Mayern, *and Communicated to the* Royal Society *by Sir* Theodore de Vaux, Knt. *and* R. Soc. S.

DOGGS are Subject to theſe ſeveral ſorts of Madneſs or rather diſeaſes. (1) The *Hot Madneſs* which is incurable without hope. They fly upon every thing and can hold out but 4 days (2) The *Running Madneſs* which is likewiſe incurable. They fly only upon *Doggs*, and that by Fitts, and may ſometimes hold out 9 months (3) *La Rage Mue* which is a diſeaſe that lies in the Blood (4) The *Falling Madneſs* which ſeaſes on the Head, and is as a ſort of *Epilepſie* (5) The *Blaſting* or *Withering*; this lies in the Bowells which ſhrink up exceedingly (6) The *Sleepie Diſeaſe*, which comes from little worms in the mouth of the Stomach: Theſe *Doggs* die ſleeping. (7) The *Rheumatick Diſeaſe*. This ſwells the Head very much and makes the Eyes yellow.

Theſe five latter are not properly Madneſs but other diſeaſes. In them the *Doggs* will not eat, nor at any time when they are ſick, but in theſe five they live 8 or 9 days without hurting any body, and then die of Hunger. The two firſt are catched by the breath of *Doggs* being together as is the Plague among Men, the latter are likewiſe Contagious but Curable.

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A Never failing Remedy for the Bite of a Mad Dog, *by Sir* Theodore Mayern.

Take *Virginia Snake-Root* and Flowers of St. *Johns wort* gathered in their prime, equal parts of each, lett them be made into very fine pouder. The Doſe is from a Scruple to a Dram, to be taken in any ſort of Decoction prepared with Specificks. To a Horſe give 2 Dr. to a Dog from one to 1½ Dr. This before the ninth day after the Bite.

Another Receipt for the ſame, taken from D. Matthias Hulsboos.

Take Leaves of *Rue* pickt from the ſtalks and bruiſed 6 Oun. *London Treacle* (or which is better *Venice Treacle*) *Garlick* Pild and bruiſed, and fine filings of *Tin*, each 4 Oun. put them into 4*l.* of *Canary* or good *White Wine*, or in caſe of a nice or hot conſtitution, into the ſame quantity of ſtrong and well-workt Ale, in an Earthen veſſel well ſtopt. Then let there be made a digeſtion or gentle boyling thereof *in Balneo*, for 4 hours, ſhutting in the ſteam, then preſs it and ſtrain it.

The doſe is from two to three Ounces (and in ſome Perſons more) to be taken every Morning for 9 days. The Party bitten muſt faſt for three hours after it, and the dreggs that remain after expreſſion muſt be bound upon the wound received, renewing it every 24 hours. *N. B.* That the ninth day after the bite muſt not be let ſlip, before this medicine be taken, leaſt the Poyſon ſeaſe the Blood too ſtrongly. It muſt be given cold, or at leaſt only a little aired. A Double Quantity may be given to a Beaſt ſoon after the Bite.

This Remedy I have given many times by Sir *Theodore Mayern*'s direction, and I never found it to faile.

Theodore De Vaux.

Another

Another approved Remedy.

Pluck the feathers from the breech of an old *Cock*, and apply it bare to the Bite, and do this upon each of the Wounds. If the *Dogg* were Mad, the *Cock* will ſwell and die, and the Perſon Bitten will do well; but if the *Cock* dies not, the *Dogg* was not Mad. If the Wounds be very ſmall, it is requiſite to open them with a Lancett.

Another Proceſs of Sir Theodore Mayern's.

Let the Party be Nine times Plunged in the *Sea*, while he is faſting, as ſoon as may be after the Bite.

Let the Bitten Part be waſhed with a *Lie* of the *Aſhes of Oke-wood* and *Urine*, and apply a Cataplaſme of *London Treacle*, *Alliaria* or *Hedge Garlicke*, *Rue* and *Salt*.

Take dried *Rue* and *Scordium* each 2 Dr. *Virginia Snake-Root* 1 ½ Dr. Flowers of *St. John's wort* 3 Dr. fine filings of *Tinn* and *Garlicke* cut ſmall, each 4 Dr. *London Treacle* 1 Ounce. Let them be all beaten and exactly mixed together, adding *Syrup* of *Lemmon Pils* as much as ſuffices to make it into an *Electuary*; Divide this into Nine equal parts to be taken every day one, drinking after it a ſmall draught of good ſtrong Ale. Let him walk upon it and not dine till 4 hours after.

Uſe as little of the aforeſaid *Syrup* of *Lemon Pils* as may be: and if that be not at hand, a Syrup made of *Malaga-wine*, adding as much Sugar as it can diſſolve, may ſerve the turn.

Make up of this *Electuary* 4 ½ Ounces at a time, that ſo the Doſe may be half an Ounce.